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DRAFTED BY AF/W:BSKIRKPATRICK:LFS

APPROVED BY AF:DBBOLEN

L/SCA:RDALTON (DRAFT)

AF/EX:PKENNEDY (DRAFT)

SCA/SCS:NPELLETREAU (SUBS)

SCA/SCS:EPOWERS (INFO)

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LOME IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY PRIORITY

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E.O. 1165,: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, US, TO, DM

SUBJECT: BENIN COUP ATTEMPT

REFS: (A) LOME 190, (B) LAGOS 772

1. ALTHOUGH REFTEL A CONTAINS THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AS TO DETENTION, THERE WERE NO ALLEGATIONS MADE OF PHYSICAL ABUSE OR DENIAL OF RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW OF BENIN. FACTS IN REFTEL A DO NOT WARRANT PROTEST. POST SHOULD REPORT TO DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, IF PERSONS ARRESTED COME TO EMBASSY WITH SUCH ALLEGATIONS OR FURTHER DETAILS ON SUCH
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QUESTIONS AS: WHERE WAS BRANUM WHEN DETAINED BY THE BENINESE? DID THE BENINESE SEE HIM AND ENTER TOGO TO CAPTURE HIM, OR WERE THE BENINESE PATROLLING INSIDE TOGO? DID EITHER HE OR HIS WIFE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY COTONOU BE NOTIFIED? WAS HE IN FACT TRAVELING TO BENIN? DID HE HAVE A GPRB VISA?

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION COTONOU
MAY HAVE ON WELFARE OF THE JACK BLEDSOES MENTIONED REFTL
A.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH REFTL B THAT CRO DAVIS SHOULD
STAY IN COTONOU AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING TO COMPLETE TDY.

4. DOES COTONOU STILL WISH TO REMAIN ON MINIMIZE?
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Message Attributes

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